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USS WISCONSIN PREPARES FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

Norfolk, VA (CNRMA) – In honor of our Nation's birthday, the Hampton Roads Naval Museum will dress the USS WISCONSIN (BB-64) beginning at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, June 30th.

In addition, this year the USS WISONSIN will take part in the National Bell Ringing Ceremony on July 4th. In celebration of America's Day, bell ringing institutions around the country will ring 13 times at 2 p.m. EDST. The ringing of the bells is in honor of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.

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